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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON COMMISSION'S TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE SECTION 251 UNBUNDLING OBLIGATIONS OF INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

COMMENTS DUE: March 18, 2002

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: April 30, 2002

On December 20, 2001, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to examine the framework under which incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) must make unbundled network elements available to requesting carriers, and asks questions on the lessons learned since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.¹ The *Notice* seeks to identify more precisely how incumbent LECs must provide access to their facilities, including a more granular analysis of how requesting carriers are impaired in their ability to provide service. A summary of the *Notice* will be published in the Federal Register today, at 67 Fed. Reg. 1947 (Jan. 15, 2002).

Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than **March 18, 2002**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **April 30, 2002**. When filing comments, please reference **CC Docket No. 01-338, CC Docket No. 96-98, and CC Docket No. 98-147**. An original and four copies of all comments and reply comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554.² In addition, one copy of each submission must be filed with Qualex International, the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy with Janice Myles, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554. Documents in CC Docket No. 01-338, CC Docket No. 96-98, and CC Docket No. 98-147 are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

For further information, contact Jeremy Miller, Policy & Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

¹ *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338, *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-98, *Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket No. 98-147, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-361 (rel. Dec. 20, 2001).

² Parties are directed to the Commission's recent *Public Notice* concerning changes in the filing location and procedures for paper documents. See FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2919 (Dec. 14, 2001).